

HOUSE BILL 74

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Solar Energy Grant Program – Grant Awards**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the maximum amount of certain grants under the Solar
4 Energy Grant Program administered by the Maryland Energy Administration;
5 and generally relating to the Solar Energy Grant Program.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – State Government
8 Section 9–2007
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article – State Government**

14 9–2007.

15 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

16 (2) “Photovoltaic property” means solar energy property that uses a
17 solar photovoltaic process to generate electricity and that meets applicable

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 performance and quality standards and certification requirements in effect at the time
2 of acquisition of the property, as specified by the Maryland Energy Administration.

3 (3) "Program" means the Solar Energy Grant Program.

4 (4) (i) "Solar energy property" means equipment that uses solar
5 energy:

6 1. to generate electricity;

7 2. to heat or cool a structure or provide hot water for use
8 in a structure; or

9 3. to provide solar process heat.

10 (ii) "Solar energy property" does not include a swimming pool,
11 hot tub, or any other energy storage medium that has a function other than storage.

12 (5) "Solar water heating property" means solar energy property that:

13 (i) when installed in connection with a structure, uses solar
14 energy for the purpose of providing hot water for use within the structure; and

15 (ii) meets applicable performance and quality standards and
16 certification requirements in effect at the time of acquisition of the property, as
17 specified by the Maryland Energy Administration.

18 (b) There is a Solar Energy Grant Program in the Administration.

19 (c) The purpose of the Program is to provide grants to individuals, local
20 governments, and businesses for a portion of the costs of acquiring and installing
21 photovoltaic property and solar water heating property.

22 (d) The Administration shall:

23 (1) administer the Program;

24 (2) establish application procedures for the Program; and

25 (3) award grants from the Program.

26 (e) A grant awarded under the Program may not exceed:

1 (1) for photovoltaic property installed on residential property, the
2 lesser of [~~\$3,000~~] **\$20,000** or [20%] **50%** of the total installed cost of the photovoltaic
3 property;

4 (2) for photovoltaic property installed on nonresidential property, the
5 lesser of [~~\$5,000~~] **\$60,000** or [20%] **50%** of the total installed cost of the photovoltaic
6 property; and

7 (3) for solar water heating property, the lesser of [~~\$2,000~~] **\$3,500** or
8 [20%] **50%** of the total installed cost of the solar water heating property.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 July 1, 2007.